

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWSLETTER

St Thomas More Parish in partnership with Corpus Christi, Ernesford Grange and St Anne's, Willenhall

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18th Sunday of the Year, Year C

August 1st 2010

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Responsorial Psalm: O that today you listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Sunday Masses

9.00am John Reddan (Anniv.)

11.00am Baden Powell RIP

6.00pm Ints of Breda Hartnett

Next Sunday (19th Sunday of the Year, Year C)

9.00am Paul Wright (Anniv.)

11.00am Nick Byrne RIP

6.00pm Darren Stanley RIP

Masses This Week

Monday 9.00am Jean Davenport RIP

Tuesday

7.00pm Christina Kelly RIP

Wednesday 9.00am David Gormal (Anniv.)

Thursday 12 noon – **Funeral Mass for Mrs Nora Nolan**

7.00pm Harry Lydon RIP

Friday 9.00am Ints of Margaret Nevin (sick)

Saturday 9.00am Carl Byrne RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 9.30 - 10.30am

11.00am 40th Wedding Anniversary Mass for Bernie & John Walker. All parishioners welcome.

RIP – Mgr Tom Gavin, Fr Eric Woodhead, Kathleen Kelleher, Maureen Davison, Alan Williams, Bethany Preston, Nora Chandler, Sean McDaid, Kathleen Hurley, Nick Byrne, Elizabeth McCarthy, Lilian Stokes, Nora Nolan, Joan Flynn, Jim Harrington.

Anniversaries – Julia Cardwell, Michael Rock, Michael Higgins, Alfred Harris, Bernard Jordan, Sarah Pyle, Haydor Chivers, Paul Wright, Mgr. Dominic Barry, John Parsons, William Ryan, John Preston, Veronica Stevens, Antonia Slattery, Sheila Coyle, David Gormal, Mary Langdon, James Daly, Anne Chondley, Kathleen Unsworth, Sheila Devlin, Thomas McKenzie, Simon Coldrick, Evelyn Cassidy, Michael Doyle, Christopher Meehan, Mabel Shakespeare, Frances Cairns, Jodie Armstrong, Winifred Ansall, John Reddan, Kathleen McSweeney, Roland Veasey, Katherine Tabram, Sydney Beaufoy, Donald Rushworth

Sick List – Please pray for Jane Dewsnap, Paul Bainbridge, Brian Roberts, Doris Lees, Patricia Daines, Larry Kelly, Anne Graham, Bridget McConnell, Maura Stone, Tommy Wainwright, Danny Doherty, Catherine Shorney, Charmaine Cross, Winnie Gallagher, Joan Pears, Anne Gallimore, Michael Wilson, Jeanne Gould, Helen Freeman, Dolores Heffernan, Mary Smith, Simon Pameley, Catherine Darragh, Fr Seamus Mulholland, Margaret Cash, Lorna Jespersion, Lucy Sargent, Tony Gill, Joseph Cooney and all sick parishioners, family and friends.

Last Sunday's Collections Main £974-16. 2nd Collection for the Day for Life £480-09. Thank you very much

Welcome & Thank you – Fr Richard Walker from Oscott College celebrates Masses here again this weekend. From tomorrow (Monday) up to and including next Sunday, Fr Paul Moss, now teaching at Oscott College, and Vocations Director for our diocese, will celebrate Masses in the parish. Have you looked at the Oscott College website recently? www.oscott.net.

New Rota for Readers – Available from the sacristy today. Please let somebody know if you will miss a date given to you.

Feasts of this week – Wednesday (4th August) St John Vianney; Friday (6th August) Transfiguration of the Lord.

Fr Jonathan Veasey & his parishioners invite you to celebrate their Patronal Feast of St John Vianney this Wednesday at 7.30pm. The Church is on Bishopton Close, Mount Nod, and the Mass will be followed by a Reception.

Readings for Next Sunday – Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19; Luke 12:32-48.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Sunday 15th August – Readers please note that there are special readings for the Feast, which are found in missals under the date (15th August) and it is the Mass during the Day.

Tuesday Society – now closed for business until September. If there is any parishioner who has an area of personal interest that they think would make for a short talk at the Tuesday Society in the year ahead, please contact Mr Harry Davenport 76 413381.

Extend – This Thursday at 9.45am in the Margaret Roper Room.

RCIA / Journey in Faith has now finished for the summer. It will re-commence, on Thursday evenings, here at St Thomas More Church from mid-September through to this time next year. Perhaps now is a good time to think about coming to these sessions yourself, to grow in your faith, deepen your knowledge of something that has always been a part of your life. Or do you know somebody who is not a member of our Catholic faith but who might like to discover more, in a welcoming environment?

Thank you from Fr Timothy.... *'Thank you so much to all parishioners and to the families and children in our primary school for all your kindness and thoughtfulness to me and my family on the occasion of my 40th birthday recently. Your gifts and your generosity are very humbling, and I am grateful for all the love, support and encouragement you give to me. May God bless you.'*

Big Fun Run – in aid of CAFOD – A 5km run in Coventry Memorial Park on Saturday 18th September. You can enter online at www.bigfunrun.com, and find the Coventry event, and look down the listings of charities for CAFOD or a charity of your choice.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Worcestershire – Sunday 5th September. Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley at 3pm. Take a picnic, take a chair, and make your own way to Harvington. Further details: 01562 777846.

Pope's Visit to Britain – www.thepapalvisit.org.uk, www.newmancause.co.uk, www.newmanreader.org. The **Beatification Mass for Cardinal John Henry Newman will take place at Cofton Park in Birmingham on Sunday 19th September at 10.00am**. This will be an historic occasion in the life of the Catholic Church in our country and beyond. The ballot took place in the past week, and many people are now excited at the prospect of being part of this special event. There might be some spare places given to us by other parishes. If so we shall continue the ballot this week. For those who have secured a place at the Beatification Mass, coaches will depart from Coventry in the early hours of the Sunday morning. Coach travel is the only mode of transport permitted to the site. You cannot arrive there by car or on foot, or by public transport, for security and safety reasons. The Mass is due to be screened live on terrestrial television on the Sunday morning at 10.00am. Archbishop Bernard has given permission for Masses to be celebrated at different times from normal, to suit pastoral circumstances on that weekend. So, it is likely that there will be Mass here on the Saturday evening, and another early on the Sunday morning. Some parishioners have expressed an interest in people coming together (possibly in church) to watch the broadcast of Mass live on the Sunday morning, as a community, and receiving Holy Communion either during Communion time of the Papal Mass, or immediately after the broadcast. **Hyde Park Vigil:** On the afternoon / evening before the Beatification Mass, the Pope will be present at Hyde Park in London for a celebration of Prayer (not a Mass), but with a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (the event opens at 2pm and finishes at 9pm). Perhaps for those who are unable to attend the Beatification Mass, some might wish to travel to London (on public transport) for the Vigil. Information is available at the church doors today. **An Appeal for Volunteer Stewards:** If you are public-spirited and would like to help in some way with the Papal Visit, or if it is a way of securing a place at a venue of the Pope's Visit (probably the Beatification Mass), and are over 18, and are fit and ready for the hours of work and patience that will be needed, please collect details today.

BBC Coventry & Warwickshire – 94.8fm radio and at bbc.co.uk/coventry plans to give the Papal Visit extensive coverage. They welcome your participation in terms of stories of the 1982 visit, and are keen to hear from pilgrims who are going to the Mass at Birmingham or the event at Hyde Park. BBC television is also looking for anybody who might have video footage of the last visit. Apparently this is in short supply, and they would be glad of any assistance in such coverage. Also see bbc.co.uk/religion.

Recently arrived in the parish? Please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy, and complete a census form.

Loop System for those with hearing difficulties – If you are experiencing difficulties with hearing people read or speak through the church microphones, it might be worth trying to sit somewhere different in the church, and whether that helps. If there are ongoing and consistent difficulties, please speak to one of the clergy, as we try to address these important concerns.

African Day Mass & Celebration – Sunday 8th August at St Elizabeth's Parish, Foleshill. Mass at 2pm. Fr Timothy has been invited as the Guest Celebrant of the Mass. All parishioners of St Thomas More, and friends, are welcome to the special event.

100 Club Winners for July – 1st £20 Emma Pritchett; 2nd £10 Michelle Cosgrove; 3rd £8 Nicola Gardner 4th £7 Joanne Lenehan; 5th £5 Margaret Hodder; 6th £4 Paula Dodgson.
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